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FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 8190 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 18.

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ROME 8190

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: UN, ECOSOC, SHUM
SUBJECT: ITALIAN CANDIDACY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, NEXT
YEAR

REF: A. ROME 7044, B. ROME 7403

1. AS PRESAGED REF. A, EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED MFA NOTE VERBALE
(DATED MAY 5) AFFIRMING ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. CANDIDACY THIS
YEAR FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND SOLICITING USG SUPPORT
FOR THE ITALIAN CANDIDACY NEXT YEAR.

2. OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPH ASKING USG SUPPORT READS AS FOLLOWS
(INFORMAL) EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

"AS HAS ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED IN APPROPRIATE FORA ITALY,
WHICH PURSUES AT ALL LEVELS WITH ANALAGOUS (TO THE U.S.) AND
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CONSTAND ATTENTION THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WILL PRESENT
ONCE AGAIN ITS OWN CANDIDACY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
FOR THE TRIENNIAL 1979-81. ANY SUPPORT WHICH THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE THIS CANDIDACY DURING THE ELECTIONS
TO THE 64 TH SESSION OF ECOSOC WOULD BE APPRECIATED."

3. IN REVIEWING NOTE WITH RELEVANT MFA OFFICIAL, EMBOFF

COMMENTED

MFA SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY COUNT ON RAPID USG RESPONSE SINCE WE ARE STILL FAR REMOVED FROM MEXT ECOSOC SESSION AND WASHINGTON PERHAPS IS NOT YET FOCUSING ON NEXT YEARS CANDIDACIES. REPLY WAS TO NOTE THAT GOI IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT REJOINING THE COMMISSION NEXT YEAR, THAT ITALY IS COUNTING ON U.S. SUPPORT-- PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR US THIS YEAR, AND THAT, DESPITE LONG LEAD TIME, FRENCH AND FRG GOVERNMENTS HAVE DECIDED TO SUPPORT ITALIAN CANDIDACY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THESE IS ANYTHING ENCOURAGING WE CAN SAY TO GOI AT THIS POINT, WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AND AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO.

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